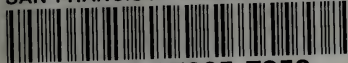


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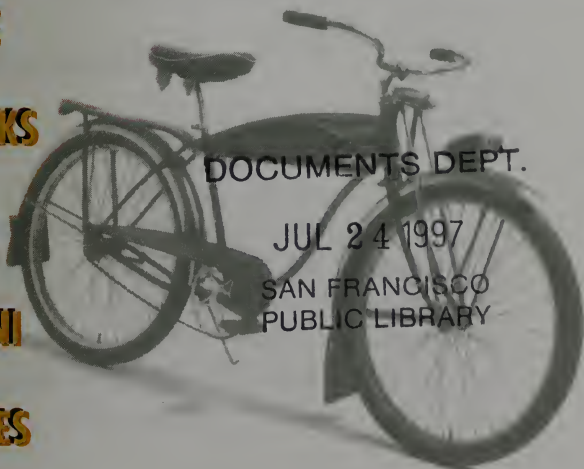
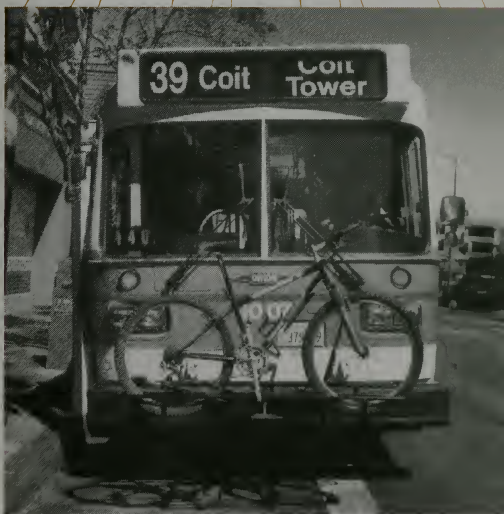
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**A PILOT
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BIKES ON MUNI

elcome to Bikes on Muni, an 18-month-long pilot project to test the use of bike racks on Muni buses. Thanks to a grant from the Bay Area Quality Management District's Transportation Fund for Clean Air, Muni has purchased bike racks, manufactured by Sportworks in Woodinville, Washington. Racks have been installed on the front of 45 smaller buses that operate on Muni's community service lines, serving San Francisco neighborhoods, many of which contain steep hills. Each bike rack can accommodate two bicycles at a time. During the pilot project period, Muni will gather information from bicyclists, Muni operators, passengers, and the Muni Scheduling Department to determine whether the Bikes on Muni program should be expanded to other Muni buses and lines.

Starting on Tuesday, May 20, 1997, Bike to Work Day in San Francisco, bicyclists may take their bikes on bike-rack-equipped buses on the following nine Bikes on Muni pilot lines*

17 Parkmerced
35 Eureka
36 Teresita
37 Corbett
39 Coit
53 Southern Heights
56 Rutland
66 Quintara
91 Owl (1 A.M. to 5 A.M.)

- * The **76 Marin Headlands**, which operates on Sundays only, also has bike racks, but is not part of the pilot study. Although you may see bike racks from time to time on other lines, the Bikes on Muni pilot study is confined to the above nine lines.

BIKES ON MUNI RULES AND PROCEDURES

- Bicycles carried on buses with bike racks are the responsibility of the bike owners. Muni assumes no responsibility for lost, stolen, or damaged bicycles.
- Bicycles are accepted at all hours of operation on the designated lines.
- Bicyclists pay the normal Muni fare.
No additional fare or permit is necessary.
- Bicyclists must load and unload the bicycles themselves. For safety reasons, Muni operators may not leave the bus to assist bicyclists.
- Bike rack use is first-come, first-served. If there are already two bicycles on the bike rack, you must wait for the next available bike-rack-equipped bus.
- Children 14 and under using a bike rack must be accompanied by an adult.
- All bikes with a wheel size of 16 inches or larger, including road bikes, hybrid bikes, mountain bikes, junior and pre-teen bikes, and bikes with child seats or racks can fit into the bus bike rack.
Motorized cycles are not permitted.
- Bicycles are permitted only on the bike racks.
No bicycles are permitted inside the bus.

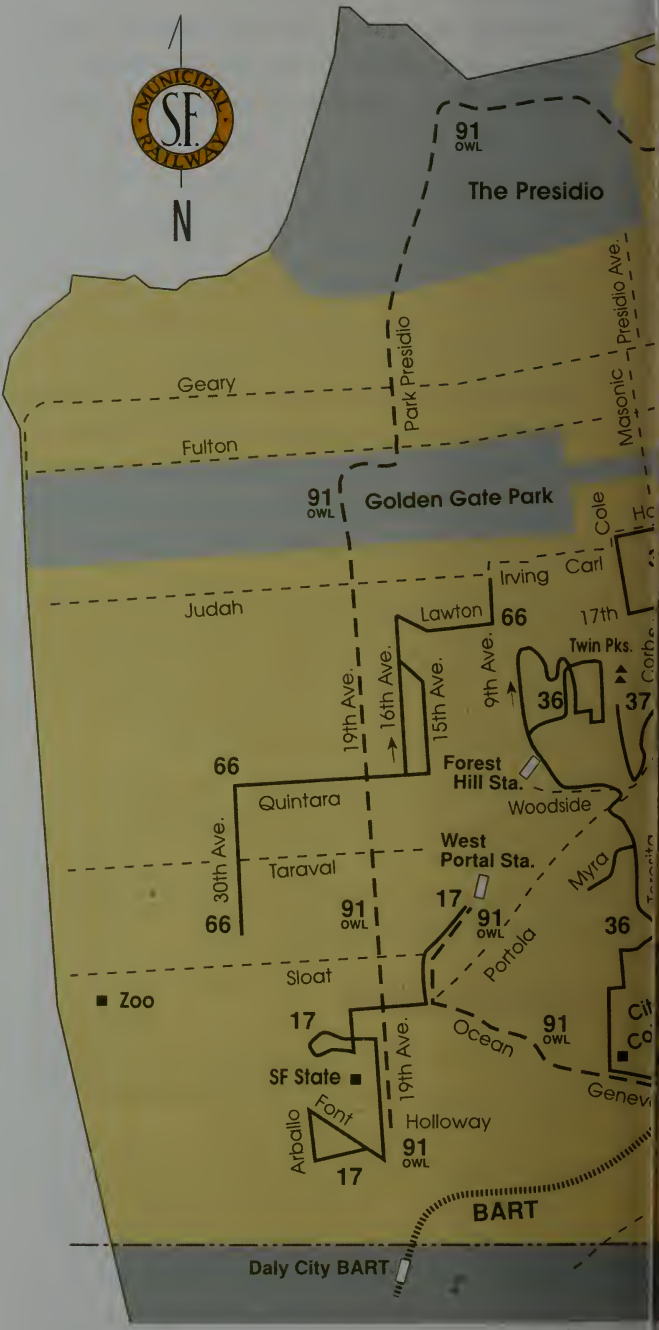
Follow These Easy Step-By-Step Instructions For Loading And Unloading Your Bike

LOADING BIKES

- Prepare your bike for loading by removing water bottles, pumps and other loose items that could fall off while the bus is in motion.
- Make sure that the bus driver sees that you will be loading your bike before you place it in the rack. Always load your bike from the curb or front of the bus. **Never load your bike from the traffic side of the bus, nor step into oncoming traffic to load your bike.**

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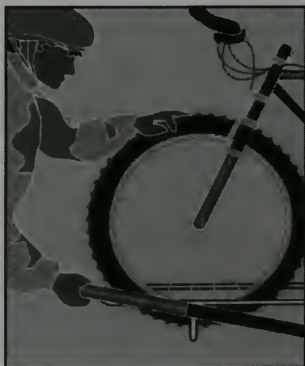
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- Squeeze the release handle to fold down the rack if it is not already down.
- Lift your bike onto the rack, fitting the wheels into the wheel slots. Wheel slots are clearly labeled for front and back wheels. If the rack is empty, use the outside slots first, not those nearest the bus.



- To secure the bike firmly, raise the support arm over the front tire so that the hook rests on the highest point on the front wheel. **Do not lock your bike onto the bike rack!**
- Board the bus and enjoy the ride! Sit near the front of the bus or stand behind the yellow line to keep an eye on your bike. Always yield seats to the elderly and disabled, and if standing do not impede the movement of passengers.



UNLOADING BIKES

- **Don't Forget Your Bike, and Make Sure that the Bike You Take is Yours!**
- Inform the bus driver that you will be unloading your bike as the bus approaches your stop. Use the front door to leave the bus. **Unload your bike from the curb or front of the bus — never from the traffic side.**
- Raise the support arm off the front tire and fold it down to its original position.



- Lift your bicycle out of the rack.
- If the bike rack is empty and no one is waiting to use it, fold up the bike rack until it locks into place.
- Step away from the bus to the curb with your bicycle. Wait until the bus pulls away. **Never proceed directly in front of the bus into traffic.**

Caution! Loading or unloading a bicycle from the street side may cause injury.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Muni Information

(415) 673-MUNI

Complaints and Commendations

(415) 923-6164

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